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PROGRESS IN HOBART

Shortly after Hobart was incorporated as a town in 1847, the 1850 federal census listed the population of all of Hobart Township as 240 with 48 families and 26 children attending school

According to the most recent federal census, Hobart Township includes 38,942 with 24,440 living within Hobart City (including the Ross Township residents annexed in 1993).

Hobart Township included 38,942 residents in 1990 with 14,026 households and 6,499 students enrolled in Hobart, Lake Station and River Forest Schools.

In 1889, Carrie Banks was the first and lone Hobart High School graduate. There were 267 Hobart High School graduates this year plus those Hobart students graduating from River Forest and Merrillville (Ross Township) High Schools.

Additional historical information can be found throughout this annual Sesquicentennial Souvenir booklet published by the Hobart Chamber of Commerce since 1983.



THEIR OWN PARADE - For several years, the City Improvement Committee has sponsored a Kid's July 4th parade which is as popular with parents as the kids who are kept occupied decorating and getting ready for the event. This year, it will be held on July 1.

FIRST TOWN BOARD - Until 1889 when Hobart was incorporated as a town, the community was under the jurisdiction of the Township Trustee, the Justice of the Peace and the Constable.

In January, 1889, the first officials elected to govern the new town were Trustees Seward Lightner, William Scholler and William B. Owen; Clerk-Treasurer Louis Passow; and Town Marshal F. C. Stevens. Owen was elected president by the board.

First ordinances passed by the board on January 28, 1889:

ORDINANCE #3 established a tax of \$1 on owners of each male dog and \$2 on owners of each female dog.

ORDINANCE #4 set a tax on liquor saloons of \$50 a year. (That was repealed by Ordinance 21 that summer).

ORDINANCE #5 "To prevent fast driving or riding" set a fine of \$1 to \$5 for anyone riding or driving through Hobart streets more than six miles an hour; and a \$5 fine for anyone driving over a bridge faster than a walk. (The latter was later amended to a \$1 fine).

ORDINANCE #6 set a fine of \$1 for a first offense of shooting fire arms within the town on Sunday, and \$5 for each additional offense.

ORDINANCE #7 set a fine of from \$1 to \$5 for anyone with a revolver, slingshot or "other deadly weapon" on their person.

ORDINANCE #8 set a fine of \$1 to \$20 for each and every offense of being drunk or disorderly.

ORDINANCE #9 set a fine of \$5 to \$20 to liquor saloons open between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. (On Feb. 5, 1889, Ordinance 14 revised the time to between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.).

ORDINANCE #10 set fines of \$5 to \$20 for liquor saloons opened on Sundays, holidays or election days.

ORDINANCE #11 set the marshal's salary at \$100 per year.



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THROUGH THE YEARS QUIZ

(Answers on page 8)

Which of these were once found in Hobart?

1. A roller coaster.
2. A motorcycle racing track.
3. Auto race track.
4. A half-mile horse race track.
5. Boat races.
6. School band ranked 1st in nation.
7. A cigar factory.
8. A home-made candy shop.
9. A brick yard.
10. A water company



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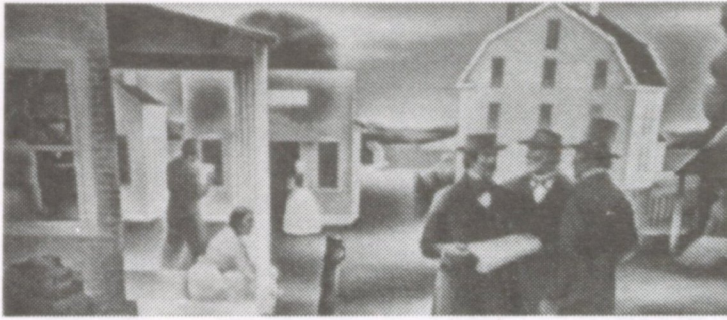


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The Hobart scene, painted by William Dolwick, depicts (from left) the general store and post office, art gallery, blacksmith shop, grist mill, saw mill, and three men depicting the city fathers.

Dingy and deteriorated, the work was scheduled to be discarded during remodeling of the Hobart Post Office in 1966. Post Master Emden Rippee saved the work and had it refurbished by Victor Sable. It can still be seen in the lobby of the post office. Copies can also be viewed at the Hobart Historical Museum.

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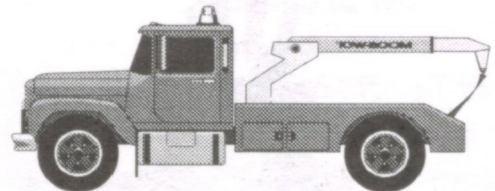
See pages 21, 26, 44, 48 for answers

1. Do you know how many Mayors have served the City of Hobart?
2. Do you know how Clerk-Treasurers have served the City of Hobart?
3. Can you name the Mayors?
4. Can you name the Clerks?
5. How many judges have served in the Hobart city court?
6. Can you name all the City Judges?

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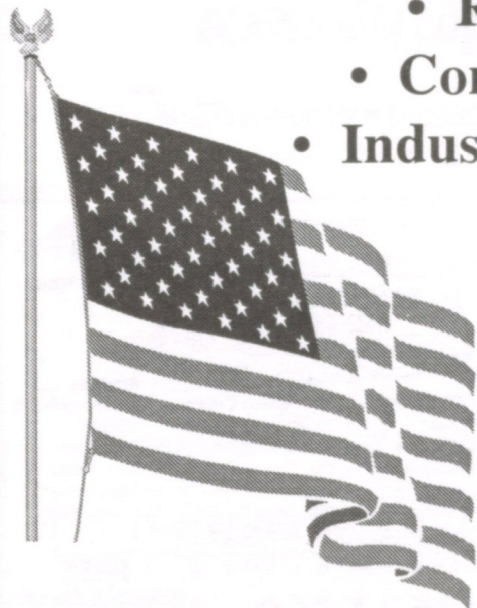


RAIL SPLITTER - Shown here are Paul Sohn (left) and Mayor Lilburn "Red" Titus in 1965 as they practiced swinging a sledge hammer prior to the annual rail splitting competition sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

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HISTORICAL TIDBITS

- In 1889, the year Hobart incorporated as a town, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming became states. Benjamin Harrison was inaugurated as the 23rd president of the U.S., and Adolph Hitler was born.
- One hundred years ago, Hobart was electrified. In 1898 the town built a combined electric light and water plant on New Street to provide electric service and water. The Hobart Light & Water Co. was a municipal utility, owned by the town, until 1930 when it was sold to Northern Indiana Public Service Co.
- In 1921, the year Hobart became a city, Warren G. Harding was inaugurated as 29th president of the United States. The Unknown Soldier was interred at Arlington National Cemetery. The first radio broadcast of a baseball game was made from the Polo Grounds in New York.
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1905 PARADE - Hobart's 1905 Fourth of July parade included this horse-drawn float following one of the local bands. Note the street light.

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EARLY TOWN SIDEWALKS

On February 12, 1889

The town board approved construction of sidewalks on Center Street from Front Street to the NNYC & SLRR tracks - and on Fourth Street from Main Street to New Street.

Sidewalks were to be not less than four feet wide, made of 2 inch planks, brick or other material in a manner acceptable to the board.

On April 2, 1889

More sidewalks were approved (and ordered). However, standards were changed to not less than three feet wide and made of one inch boards laid on 2 by 4 inch stringers.

These were to be constructed on both sides of Linda Street from the Ft. Wayne Railroad.

Board members also directed sidewalks be installed on the respective (Main Street) frontages of properties owned by James Brown, Fred Rentz, D.L. Jory, Patrick Sullivan, J.G. Earle, J.E. Mander, Anton Beyer, J.H. Roper and F.C. Miller.



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THROUGH THE YEARS

(Quiz on page 3)

1. An amusement park (located on the site of today's Pavese Park) in the early 1900's included a merry-go-round, dance hall, candy kitchen and a roller coaster which was announced in June, 1912 and constructed in time for the July 4th celebration that year.
2. Hobart Motorcycle Club and Track was located on East Cleveland Avenue with both auto and motorcycle races held in 1921.
3. See answer to #2 above.
4. A half-mile track constructed in 1894 with horse racing held during the July 4th celebration that year. Entrance was at Third Street, near what's now Ash/Pennsylvania Streets. A nearby barn (owned by Ben Stratton, Sr.) was the only building west of Lake George at that time. Simeon Bullick was president of the 7 member Hobart Trotting Association, organized in 1894.
5. Boat races were regular events on Lake George for many years, especially during the July 4th celebrations.
6. In 1930, Hobart High School became the first Indiana school to win a national band contest. The traveling national trophy was eventually presented to Hobart.
7. Many cigar factories were located in Hobart, including Edward Simon, E. Looker, Fleming, J Fiester and Herman Schuknecht.
8. A home-made candy shop was located in the basement at Third and Main Streets
9. James Guyer opened the first Hobart brick yard in 1872, followed in the area by Hinchcliff, Owens, Kulage, National Fire Proofing and Garden City.
10. Hobart Light and Water, operated by the town, began in 1897 on New Street. It became a Fairbanks Morse subsidiary. In 1931 NIPSCO assumed operations with Gary-Hobart Water Corp. taking over the water service in 1952. A water tower built in 1929 (in Lake View Park) is scheduled to be demolished by Northwest Indiana Water Co. (formerly Gary-Hobart Water Corp.).

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FESTIVAL FUN - In 1995, Chips T. Clown provided entertainment in the City Improvement Committee games for children area. The games will again be offered during the 1997 Lake Front Festival in August.

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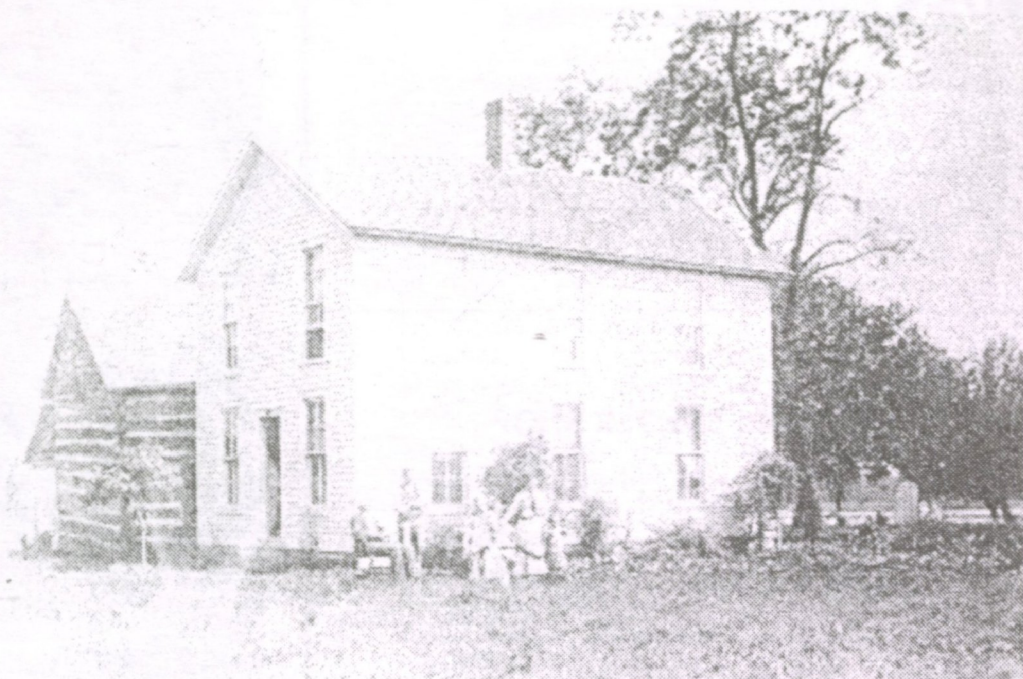
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MUNDELL HOMESTEAD -

The original Mundell log cabin (1837) can be seen with the Joseph and Amanda (Sigler) Mundell homestead on Old Ridge Road, c. 1888. An addition to the home completely enclosed the log cabin in its walls shortly after this picture. The home was razed in the late 1970's. Several Mundell



descendents still live in Hobart - some on the original land grant, including great-great-great granddaughter Eleanora Courtwright on Colorado St., and great-great-great-great granddaughter and great-great-great-great grandson Ryane and Kyle Norris on California Street. The site is now the west end of WiseWay parking lot. Mundell's grandson (also Joseph) and his wife operated a green house for many years on the WiseWay site.

PIONEER FAMILY

- Hobart Pioneer Joseph Mundell's great-granddaughter Edna Toering (at left) is shown here in 1990 with her daughter, Nancy Norris, and granddaughter, Susan Thomas, at the 60th anniversary open house for Mundell School. Norris is holding her grandson, Ethan Thomas.



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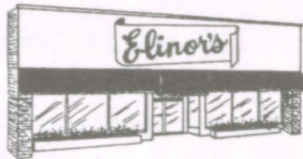
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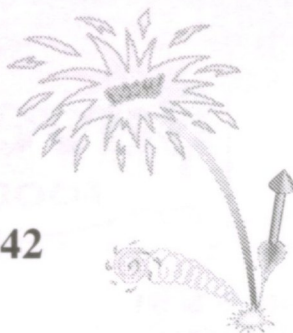
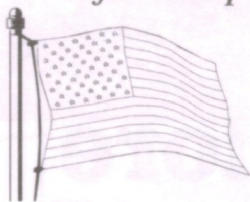
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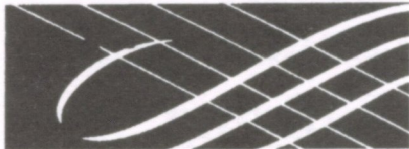
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SUNDAY, JUNE 29

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Baby Olympics

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Pet Parade (also for adults)

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TUESDAY, JULY 1

10:30 a.m.

Crafts (pre-school and K)

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Kid's July 4th Parade

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Bubble Gum Blow Contest

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

8:00 a.m.

Fishing Derby

Festival Park - Lake George

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THURSDAY, JULY 3

5:00 p.m.

Doll Contest

Revelli Band Shell

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Spelling Bee (grades 1 - 5)

Festival Park

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FRIDAY, JULY 4

7:30 a.m.

Brickyard Run (also for adults)

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SATURDAY, JULY 5

1:00 p.m.

Watermelon Eating Contest

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2:00 p.m.

Seed Spitting Contest

Festival Park

Sponsor: VFW Post #5365 & Auxiliary

2:30 p.m.

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MORE THROUGH THE YEARS QUIZ

(Answers on page 37)

Which of these were once found in Hobart?

1. An art museum
2. A ball room
3. An opera house
4. A harness shop
5. Blacksmith shop
6. Pet minks
7. Ice skating pond
8. An ice house
9. An amusement park
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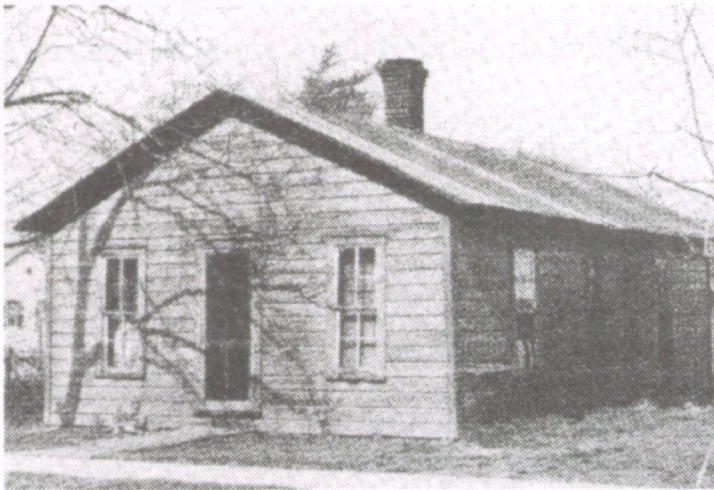
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FIRST SCHOOL - Hobart's first school house, built in 1845, was located on Center Street, the current site of the Masonic Temple. It was built of oak and contained four rooms. Legend has it that an oak tree growing on the lot was cut providing material for the entire building. The 1850 federal census showed a Hobart Township population of 240 people from 48 families with 26 children attending school.

SOME HOBART FIRSTS

- The first school in Hobart opened in 1845 in a small frame building on Center Street.
- In 1886 Hobart's high school was reorganized as a graded high school. The first graduate was Carrie Banks, the one graduate in 1889.
- Hobart High School boys played their first football game in 1904.
- The School Town of Hobart was organized in 1913. The first Board of Education: Joseph E. Mellon, Dr. R.C. Mackey, and Milton W. Brown.

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1997 ITEMS

Angie Ames displays the Sesquicentennial license plates available this year. At right a Sesquicentennial cap and shirt are shown. See page 30 for complete list

OLD TIMERS: NOTICE

Old timers are asked to register at the Historical Museum (through July 6) as the Historical Society attempts to identify the oldest: Hobart teacher, Hobart High School graduate, male and female Hobart resident, male and female resident born in Hobart and still living here. Also the longest married couple living in Hobart, and the oldest Hobart business.

This same information gathered in 1947 during the Centennial Celebration identified: The oldest teacher as Myrtle Stratton (began teaching 65 years earlier); oldest graduate, Grace Conroy (Class of 1891); oldest male, Thomas Hanna, Sr., 89, and oldest female, Barbara Hoffman, 98; oldest born and still living here, Emma Tabbert, 83, and Ed Spencer, 82. Longest married, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Borger, and oldest businesses were William Stommel Dry Goods, 52 years; Robert Scholler, Blacksmith, 45 years; and Albert Phillips, druggist, 41 years.



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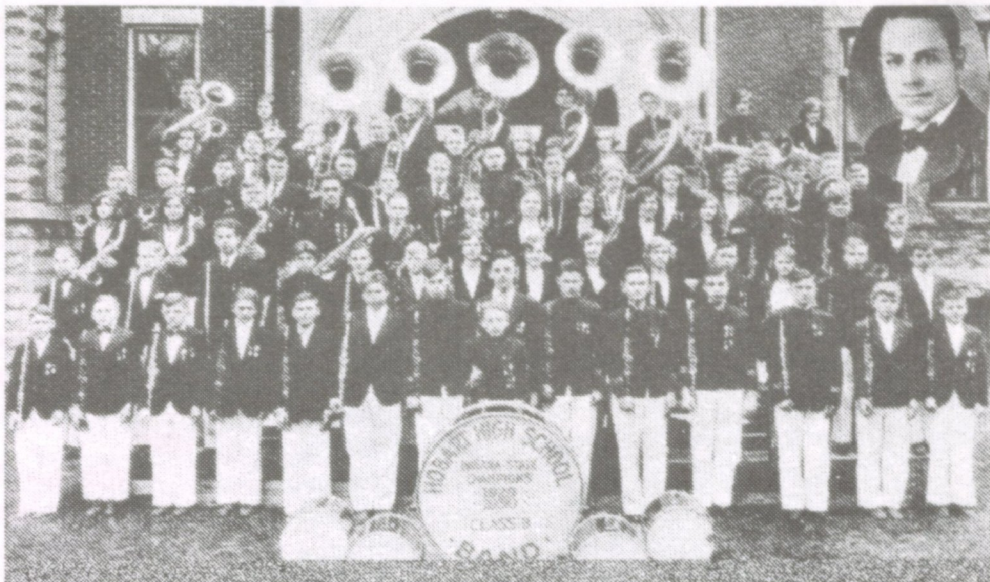
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CENTENNIAL READY

Mrs. Leon Swope, Carole Swope, Karen Ericson, Mrs. Eric Ericson, Mrs. Clarence McAfee, Mrs. Bernard Carlson, Sheryl Nelson, Mrs. Arthur Nelson Mrs. William McLaughlin, Susan McLaughlin and Mrs. Walter Herrrold can be seen (from left) in their 1947 Centennial dresses in photos on page 3

CHAMPIONS - This 1929 Hobart High School Concert Band won first place in state competition under the direction of William Revelli who was hired in 1925. The following year, Hobart again won first place in the state competition and went on to bring home the first national band championship ever won by an Indiana high school. That feat was repeated in 1931, 33 and 34. (no contest was held in 1932).



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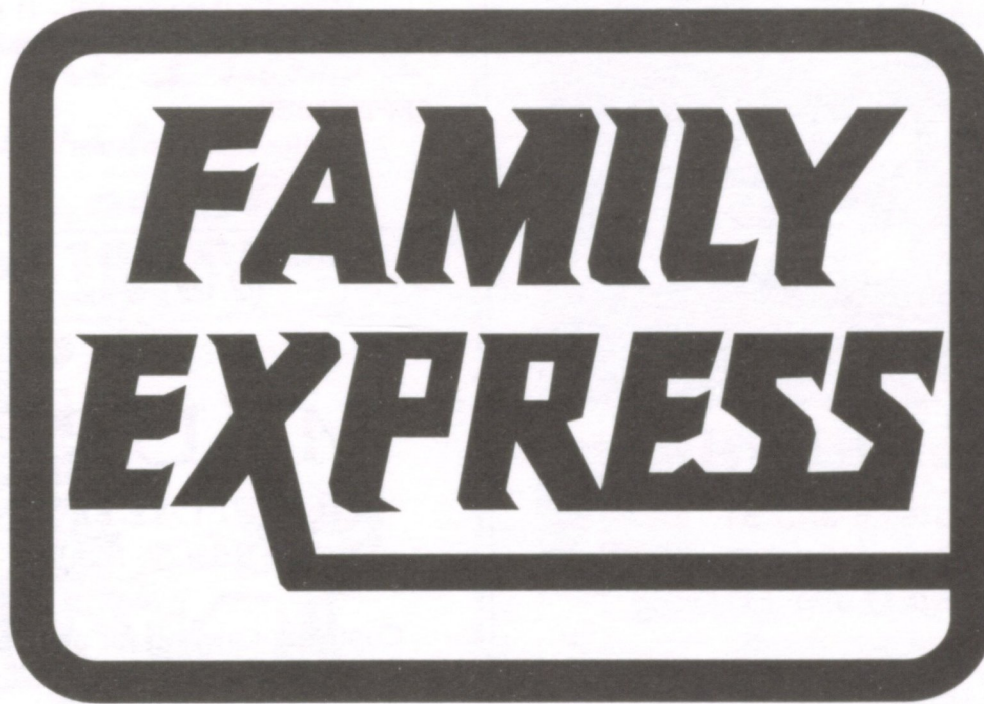
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DID YOU KNOW

(Answers can be found on page 26)

1. Who was president in 1847 when the post office was moved to Hobart - or who was president when Hobart became a town in 1889?
2. Who was governor of Indiana in 1847 - or in 1889?
3. How many stars were on the United States flag in 1847 - or in 1889?
4. When Indiana joined the Union?
5. In what township Hobart was located in 1847?
6. Who was the first Mayor of Hobart?

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Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the concerts

MAY

- 22 Branded Heart
29 Middle School Band / Wolfettes

JUNE

- 5 Notables (County Extension / Purdue)
12 Griffith High School Band
19 German Band / Food Pantry Food Drive
26 Chorus of the Dunes

JULY

- 3 Rusty Pipes & Cake Walk
4 Good Times Band (7 - 10 p.m.)
10 Jack D'Amico (Frank Sinatra stylist) -
17 Good Time Cloggers
24 Rockin' Ranch Dancers
31 Susan Brown

AUGUST

- 7 Girl Scouts / Wolf Gang
14 Rusty Pipes
21 German Band (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)
Murry Brothers Band (8 - 11 p.m.)
28 Tinley Park (Illinois) Band and Chorus

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- Hobart's first telephone service was introduced by the Northwest Indiana Telephone Company in 1900. Before that, the town had one public telephone with connections to public telephones in a few other cities.
- Hobart's first sewer system was installed in 1913.
- Regular street car service on the Gary Hobart & Eastern Traction Co. began regular operation in 1914. Street cars ran from Hobart to Gary for 25 years, until 1939, when they were replaced by buses.
- Natural gas for heating was introduced in Hobart in 1927 by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company.
- The first talking picture to hit Hobart was shown at the Strand in August, 1929. Warren Baxter starred in "In Old Arizona"

Elin Christianson

CAL

He was always smiling and friendly. He was the first Democrat to win a Hobart mayoral election. He liked people, was a good listener, and was known as "Cal" by everyone.

He was a popular mayor even though he inherited a city (1976) with a building moratorium, and fought with state and federal agencies throughout his administration to resolve sewer problems which led to that moratorium. He finally was successful, and required sewer work was near completion when he left office in 1987.

He was instrumental in construction of the new Scout Cabin and the Revelli Band Shell, the first lakefront improvement (1987). He had long worked for improvement of the area and lake obtaining the mud cat which removed silt from the lake bottom from the dam to Third Street in the early 1980's.

While serving as Hobart Township Justice of the Peace (an office he held from 1956 - 76), he co-chaired the committee which obtained donations to install the flood gate in Lake George in the 1960's, hoping to improve the water quality.

While mayor, he succeeded in getting county funding to replace the Ridge Road bridge near the dam, further improving the area.

Cal succumbed to cancer on March 21 this year. He will be missed not only by his wife, Marcie; daughter, Peggy; son, Bob (Sandra) and grandsons, Matthew and Brandon, but by Hobart where he spent his entire life, except for a stint with the U.S. Navy during World War II.



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ARTISTS AT WORK - Young artists design their own sun shades during the annual August Lakefront Festivals. In upper photo completed works are checked out by the artists. Lower photo is of City Improvement Committee member Barb Krok handling the face painting booth.

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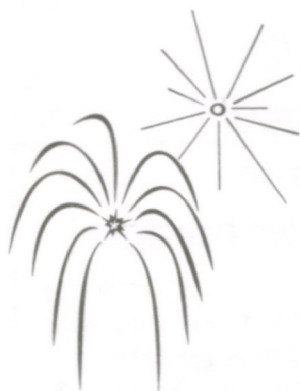
CITY JUDGES

(See page 4)

Fred Rose, Jr.	1959
Anthony J. Cefali	1960 - 68
Ervin Carstensen	1969 - 72
Anthony J. Cefali	1973 - 91
William Longer	1992 -

Prior to 1960, mayors could serve as city judge. State statute changed requiring election, and Cefali fended off 10 other candidates to become the first elected city judge. He served a total of 28 years, retiring December 31, 1991.

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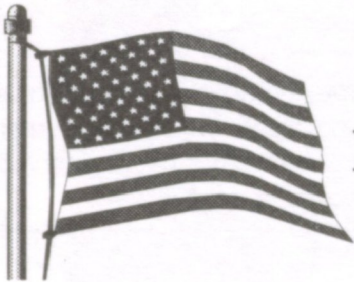


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 Jim Burns, Burns Funeral Home & Crematory

PARADE JUDGES:

Bill Sampson, Mercantile Bank
 Spero Batistatos, Lake County Convention & Visitors Bureau
 Mike Zimmer, U.S. Cable of Northern Indiana



GRAND MARSHAL

Mark Scharbach was born in Hobart in 1921 and graduated from Hobart High School in 1939. He served in the Pacific with the U.S. Army during World War II. In the early 50's, he was elected to the Hobart City Council. As a restaurant and grocery business owner for many years, he became well known in the community.

In retirement, Mark retains multi-interests with American Legion Post #54, Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post #5365 and Hobart Trinity Lutheran Church.

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July 4th Events - Chairman: Virginia Curtis

July 4th Program Book - Chairman: Virginia Curtis

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Parade Line-Up

Hobart Lions Club - Chairman: Earl Rice

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

JULY 4TH EVENTS 1997

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

12:00 p.m. **Tom Sawyer Fence Painting**
Soccer Field, East End
City Improvement Committee
Hobart Arts League
Hobart Garden Club

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 a.m. **Canoe Race**
Festival Park
Hobart Rotary Club

4:00 p.m. **Jonah Fish Fry**
to 7:00 p.m. 654 E. 4th Street -
First United Methodist Church

Judged Flower Show
Community Center
Hobart Garden Club

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Judged Flower Show
Community Center
Hobart Garden Club

1:00 pm. **Baby Olympics**
Festival Park
Hobart Kiwanis Club

2:00 p.m. **Pet Parade**
Festival Park
Hobart Kiwanis Club

2:30 p.m. **Spouse Calling**
Festival Park
Hobart Arts League

TUESDAY, JULY 1

10:30 a.m. **Crafts** - Preschool / Kindergarten
to 11:30 a.m. Hobart Library
Tri Kappa Sorority

5:30 p.m. **Children's July 4th Parade**
Festival Park
City Improvement Committee

6:30 p.m. **Bubble Gum Blowing Contest**
Festival Park
Security Alarm Systems

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

8:00 a.m. **Fishing Derby**
to 10:00 a.m. Festival Park
Hobart Parks and Recreation

9:00 a.m. **Health Fair**
to 11:30 a.m. Community Center
St. Mary Medical Center

THURSDAY, JULY 3

5:00 p.m. **Doll Contest**
Festival Park
VFW Auxiliary Unit #5365

THURSDAY, JULY 3 (Continued)

6:00 p.m. **Spelling Bee**
Festival Park
School City of Hobart

7:00 p.m. **Concert and Cake Walk**
Festival Park
Rusty Pipes Band

FRIDAY, JULY 4

7:30 a.m. **Brickyard Run**
Trinity Lutheran Church
American Red Cross

10:00 a.m. **July 4th Parade**
Pennsylvania and Old Ridge Road to
Main to Lincoln and Tenth Street
Chamber of Commerce

10:00 a.m. **Historical Museum**
to 3:00 p.m. 704 E. 4th Street
Hobart Historical Society

7:00 p.m. **Good Times Band - Parade Awards**
Festival Park
City Improvement Committee

Dusk **Fireworks**
Festival Park
City of Hobart

SATURDAY, JULY 5

10:00 a.m. **Historical Museum**
to 3:00 p.m. 704 E. 4th Street
Hobart Historical Society

10:00 a.m. **Custom Car Show**
to 4:00 p.m. High School Parking Lot
Hobart Band Mothers & Boosters

1:00 p.m. **Watermelon Eating Contest**
Festival Park
VFW Post #5365 & Auxiliary

2:00 p.m. **Seed Spitting Contest**
Festival Park
VFW Post #5365 & Auxiliary

2:30 p.m. **Tom Sawyer Fence Painting**
Soccer Field East End
City Improvement Committee
Hobart Arts League
Hobart Garden Club

SUNDAY, JULY 6

9:00 a.m. **Save Our Station Craft Festival**
to 5:00 p.m. 1001 Lillian Street
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1:00 p.m. **Old Timers Open House**
to 3:00 p.m. 704 E. 4th Street
Hobart Historical Society

1:00 p.m. **Steak Fry**
to 6:00 p.m. 208 S. Linda Street
American Legion Post #54

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JULY 4TH EVENTS 1997

JULY 1 THRU JULY 5

9:00 a.m. **Floral Display**
Hobart Library
Hobart Garden Club

SUNDAY, JULY 13

5:30 p.m. **F.O.P. / Merchants Softball**
Hillman Field
F.O.P. & Business

JUNE 27 THRU JULY 5

6:00 p.m. **Beer Garden**
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JUNE 30 THRU JULY 6

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Senior Chili Dinner
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Food Vendors
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. YMCA Bingo
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Murray Brothers Band

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Lions Steak Fry
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Food Vendors
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Jaycee Beer Garden
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. YMCA Bingo
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Branded Heart Band

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Jaycee Pancake Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Arts and Crafts Vendors
12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Food Vendors
12:00 p.m. - Dusk C.I.C. Children's Games
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. YMCA Pork Chop Dinner
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Jaycee Beer Garden
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. YMCA Bingo
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Mitch Ryder and The Detroit Wheels

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Arts and Crafts Vendors
11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Chamber Pig Roast-Bean Soup
12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Food Vendors
12:00 p.m. - Dusk C.I.C. Children's Games
1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Jaycee Beer Garden
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. YMCA Bingo
3:00 p.m. HIEDC Duck Race
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Teen Band Winner





AUTHOR, AUTHOR - Authors of the latest of two books published by the Hobart Historical Society were available for autographs during an open house last summer. In top photo (from left) are Alan E. Jentzen, Myrtle Anderson, Bethel E. Mattingly and Henrietta Leistikow. Lower photo in the museum are Oyjdal Isakson, Virginia (Batzel) Walton, and Dorothy Ballantyne signing a copy of "Hobart Memories", published in 1996. "Growing Up in Hobart" was published in 1994. Contents of both were contributed by present and former Hobart residents. They are available at The Historical Museum at \$6 a copy.

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(See pages 4, 44)

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D.D. Melin	1921 - 1922
William McClarren	1922 - 1929
Laura R. Bracken	1930 - 1963
Oolah B. Evans	1964 - 1975
Margaret Kuchta	1976 - 1987
Richard Kobza	1988 - present



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(1964)

A Lake George Flood Gate Installation Committee raised \$3,500 in 1964 to purchase cement. With help from the U.S. Army 113th Engineers, a flood gate was installed next to the spillway dam.

Work started on September 12, 1964 with completion expected the end of October if donations came in by that time.

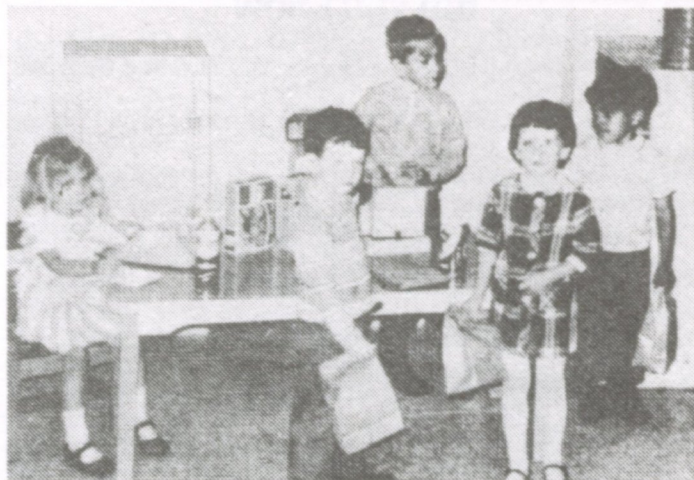
Co-chaired by Calvin Green and Paul Sohn, the committee expected the flood gate to help eliminate silt which had been building up in the lake bottom since 1928 when the old dam was replaced.

The committee was very enthusiastic at the prospect of again having beach facilities available in Hobart.

The flood gate was felt to be an important step in restoring Lake George as a useful resource. This flood gate was offered at far below the 1959 estimated \$40,000 to \$50,000 cost to clean the lake.

Other members of the committee included Hobart Mayor Lilburn Titus, John Gauder, Judge Anthony Cefali, W.L. (Tommy) Thomas, Jim Bristol, Richard Black, Vernon Traeger, Leo Lewis, Ovin Watson and Ted Ferkinhoff.

The project began in the spring of 1964 when Mayor Titus and Lake Station mayor Leo Meister met with Lt. Col. Alfred Torrenga, commander of the 113th Engineers, and Major Robert Barnes who ultimately was in charge of the flood gate project.



GINGER BREAD STORE - These pre-schoolers (in 1970) were enjoying playing general store in the Ginger Bread Nursery School (on East Third St.). From left are Tracey Stiener, Sam Rettig, Jerry Adams, Kelly Reese and David Toneff.

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DID YOU KNOW

(Quiz on page 18)

1. President James Polk, 1845 - 1849 - President Grover Cleveland, 1885 - 1889.
2. Governor James Whitcomb, 1843 - 48, Governor Alvin P. Hovey, 1889 - 1891
3. There were 29 stars in 1847 (the 30th was added the following year when Wisconsin joined the Union). There were 38 stars on the official flag through 1889, although four more states (North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Washington) joined the Union between November 2, 1889 and November 11, 1889. When Idaho joined July 3, 1890 (the official star count became 43 until July 10, 1890 when the 44th star was added as Wyoming joined.
4. Indiana was the 19th state to join the Union (Dec. 11, 1816).
5. North Township. Hobart Township split from north Township in 1849.
6. Sherman Henderson, Mayor from 1889 (when Hobart became a city through 1825.

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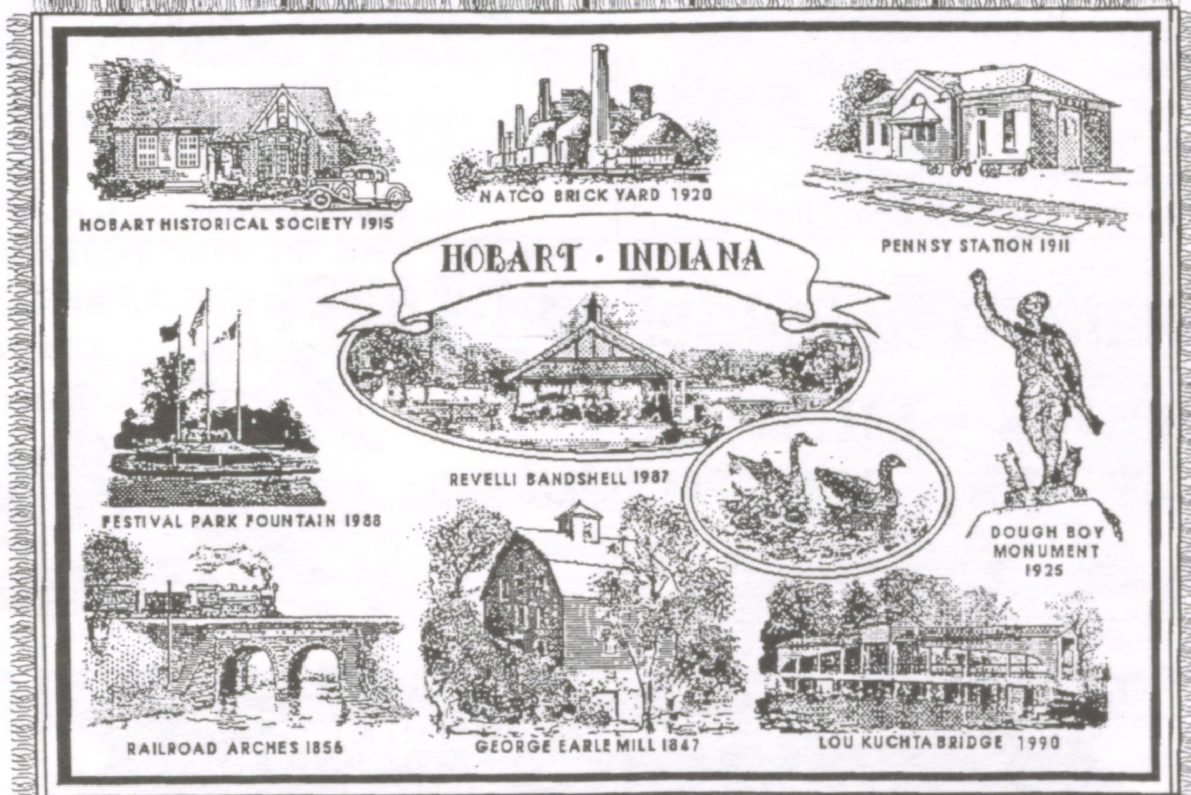
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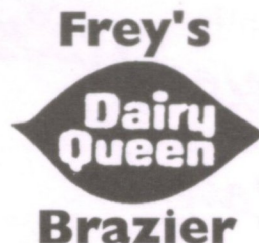
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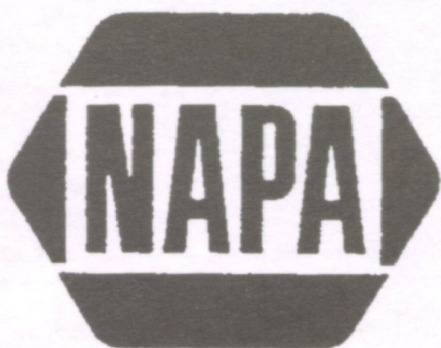


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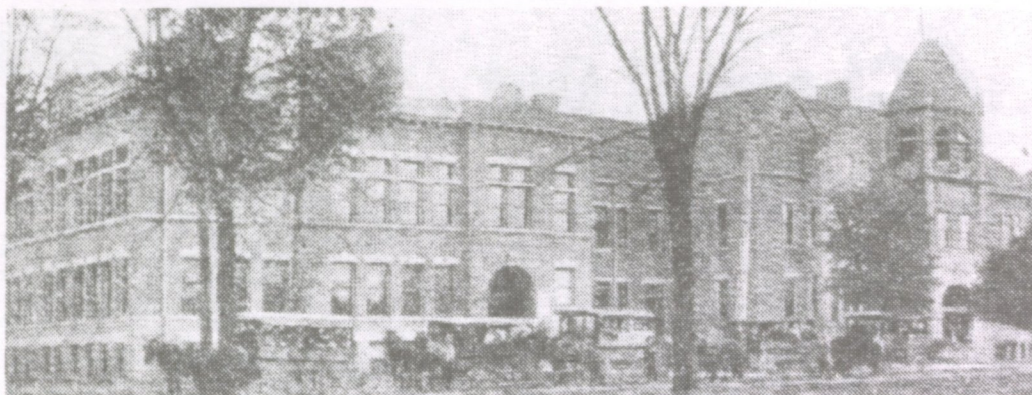
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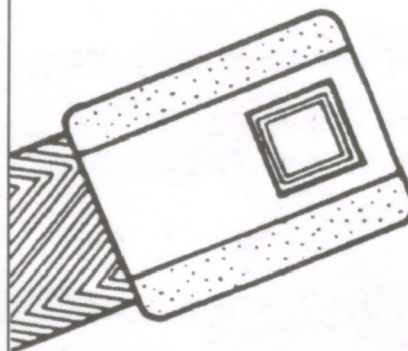
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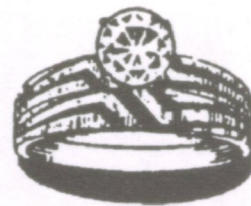
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HOBART FIRSTS

- Hobart's first cemetery was the Banks Cemetery, now known as the Old Settlers Cemetery, on South Lake Park Avenue. It was in existence before 1837 when the land was first surveyed by the U.S. Government.
- Hobart's first bank was the Hobart Bank, established in 1884 by Joseph Gardner of Valparaiso. Located at 232 Main Street, it was the second bank in Lake County.
- Hobart's first Community Christmas took place in December 1915. It included a tree in front of Hobart House (right in the middle of Main Street!); a parade from the school to the tree; community singing Christmas carols, and apples, candy and popcorn distributed by Santa to the children.
- Hobart's first golf course was Indian Ridge which opened in 1923 with 9 holes.

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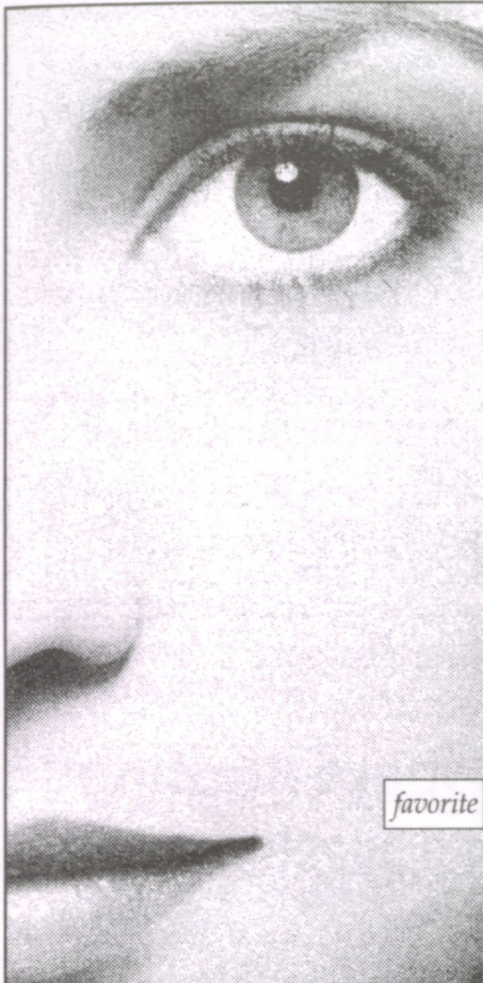
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Questions on Page 13

1. George Earle constructed the first art museum in this area on the site now occupied by St. Bridget School at Main and Front Streets.
2. Several ballrooms were found in Hobart in the early days, including the Stratton Opera House, Odd Fellows Hall, Dr. Ervin Gordon's home and Hobart House.
3. Stratton Opera House (last stop for productions before Chicago) was located above the building now housing Hobart Paint and Wallpaper, Third and Main Streets.
4. Charles Borger operated a harness shop in the 500 block of East Third Street for several years.
5. There were many blacksmith shops with the last one in Hobart located in the 600 block of East Third St.
6. Mink (which were found in this area) were popular pets in the early Hobart days.
7. Lake George and Duck Creek were often used for ice skating, but a popular pond was maintained by Pete Kellen for many years at Tenth and Lake Park (site of Park Place today).
8. The last ice house in Hobart was in the building just west of the Third Street bridge, Barnes Ice and Coal harvested ice from the lake.
9. An amusement park was operated in what is now Pavese Park (formerly Lake View Park)
10. An electric and water company was operated by the town from 1872 until it was sold to NIPSCO in 1931.



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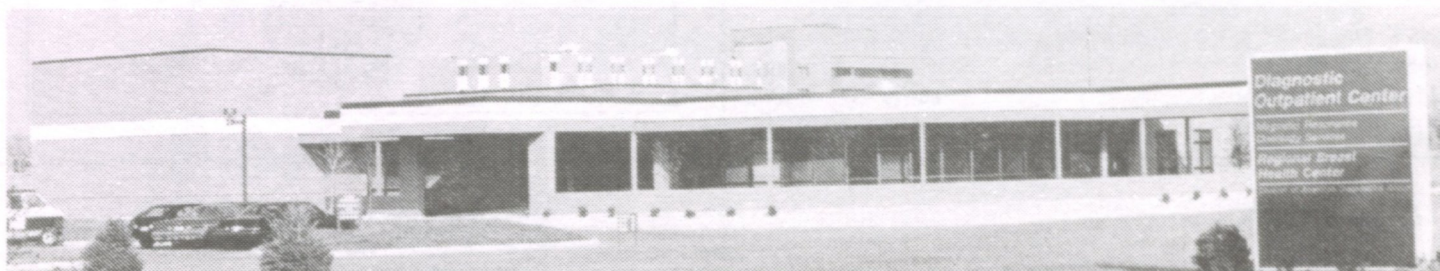
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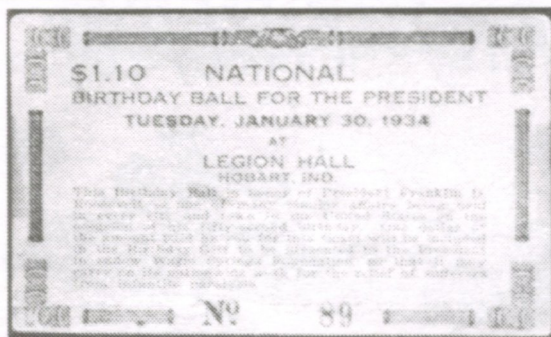


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- The Doughboy Monument (depicting a World War I soldier) was purchased by the American Legion and presented to the city in 1925?
- American Legion Post 54 hosted a National Birthday Ball for President Franklin Roosevelt on January 30, 1934? Tickets were \$1.10 with \$1.00 going to Roosevelt to endow the Warm Springs Foundation to help infantile paralysis victims.



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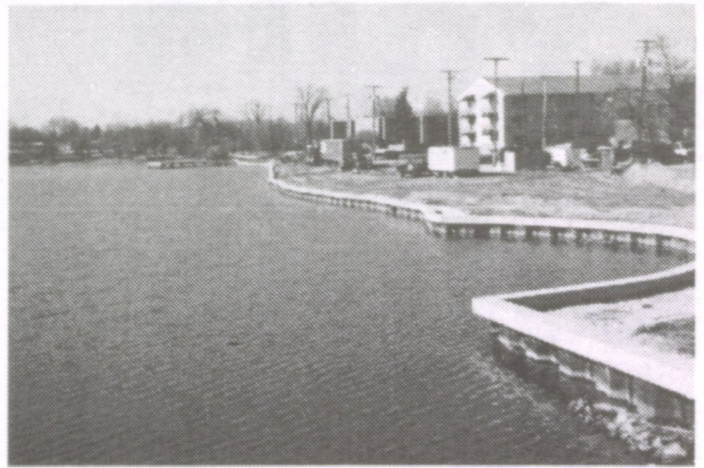
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 - Hobart's first telephone service was introduced by the Northwest Indiana Telephone Company in 1900. Before that, the town had one public telephone with connections to public telephones in a few other cities.
 - Hobart's first sewer system was installed in 1913.
 - Regular street car service on the Gary Hobart & Eastern Traction Co. began regular operation in 1914. Street cars ran from Hobart to Gary for 25 years, until 1939, when they were replaced by buses.
 - Natural gas for heating was introduced in Hobart in 1927 by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company.
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- Hobart's oldest church congregation, still in its original building, is the First Unitarian Church. The congregation in 1874 built their church at Fifth & Main in 1876. In those days, 5th and Main was the edge of town.
- Hobart's oldest church is the Augustana Lutheran Church. This Swedish congregation was organized in 1862 and built its first church at the corner of Lillian and Indiana streets in 1869 - 73. Augustana Lutheran Church moved to its present location at Kelly and Hickey streets in 1958.

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| 8/23 | Walking Tour of Historical Site |
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| 8/30 - 9/1 | Elk Fest |
| 9/7 | American Legion S.A.L. Labor Day Fest |
| 9/12 | Mayor's Golf Outing |
| 9/14 | VFW POW/MIA Balloon Launch |
| 9/21 | County Line Apple Orchard Apple Daze Festival |
| 10/5 | County Line Orchard Pumpkin Fest |
| 10/5 | American Legion. S.A.L. & Aux. October Fest |
| 10/14 | Chamber of Commerce Business Expo |
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MONUMENT - This monument honoring former Mayor Fred Rose, Jr. (located in Fred Rose Park) includes a bronze plaque on each side with Rose's image. It was dedicated in May, 1960. (Kegebein photo)

ANYONE KNOW?

Information is requested by the Hobart Historical Society about Dorthea Kitchens, Inc. The firm's letterhead claimed to be the manufacturer of America's finest dishwasher. The address shown is Route Six and Pennsylvania R.R., Hobart, Ind., Phone Hobart 144. Contact the Historical Museum or the Chamber of Commerce with any further details you may have.



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In 1947, rectangle souvenir wooden nickels, dimes and quarters were offered by the Centennial Committee for Hobart's 100th Birthday Celebration.

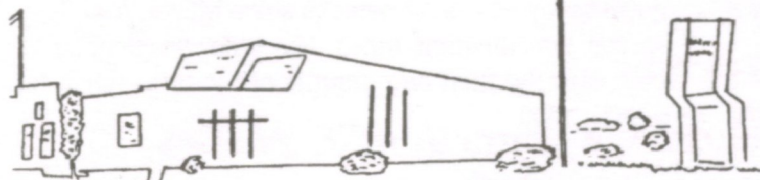
In 1997, round souvenir wooden nickels, are being offered by the City Improvement Committee in honor of the city's 150th year.

(Kegebein photo)



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HOBART MAYORS

Because of various state statutes, not all terms of office for Hobart mayors have been four year terms. One change was to make local elections fall on a different year than state elections. The last such change was in 1945 when mayoral terms ending in 1946 were extended a year to December 31, 1947. Hobart has had 14 mayors - or 13 persons since Mayor Fred Rose served two different times. His wife was named to complete the final two months of his term when he died in 1959.



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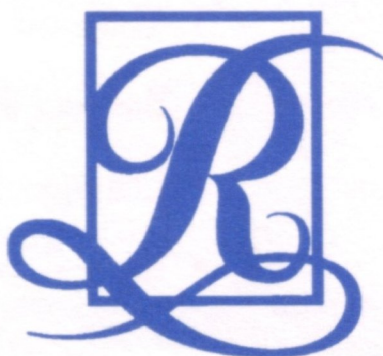
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